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# 'Starship Creator: Warp 2' Beaming Down to Palm

By Rick Broida

On countless occasions we've jokingly compared Palm devices to Star Trek tricorders and communicators, and now Simon & Shuster Interactive is taking the idea one step further. Starship Creator: Warp 2, beaming down to Windows and Macintosh PCs in April, will allow you to export mission scenarios to your Palm OS device.

According to a Simon & Shuster press release, "The follow-up to the best-selling Starship Creator Deluxe, Warp 2 gives Trekkers what they've been waiting for—the ability to create their own Starships, fly them simultaneously in one of 10 scenarios, create their own scenes for "mini-episodes" with a drag-and-drop scenario creator, and export them onto a Palm Pilot or Visor PDA."



sion and download it to your Palm Pilot or Visor PDA and keep a watchful eye on your Starship." It will also be possible to scan a photo of yourself and "wear" a Starfleet uniform within the context of the game



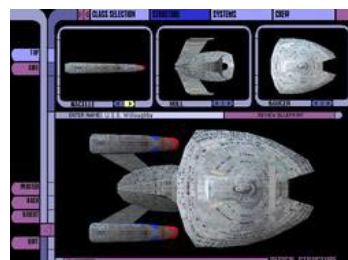
(though this has nothing to do with its Palm aspects).

Simon & Shuster has yet to respond to our request for more information, but we'll keep after them and give you further reports as available.

in the meantime, watch for Starship Creator: Warp 2 to ship in April for a list price of \$29.95.

## How to Buy a Palm VII for \$299

Track Data Corp., providers of real-time financial market information, will allow myTrack ([www.mytrack.com](http://www.mytrack.com)) members with funded trading accounts to purchase a Palm VII for \$299 (the list price is \$499). Along with the myTrack Web clipping app, Palm VII users can wirelessly access information and perform trades.



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## MiniReview Backup Module \$39, Handspring, [www.handspring.com](http://www.handspring.com)

The more programs and data you load onto your Palm OS device, the more you worry about losing it all. Utilities like BackupBuddyNG take care of making backups whenever you HotSync, but what about when you're on the road for days at a time?

Visor users have a unique solution in the form of Handspring's Backup Module, possibly the best \$39 you can spend on an accessory. The module serves a single purpose: to create a removable archive of every bit of data on your Visor—applications, databases, e-books, games, everything.

Should a pair of dead batteries or some unforeseen accident wipe your Visor's memory, you'd simply plug in the module and tap "Restore." It doesn't get any easier than that.

Indeed, working with the Backup Module couldn't be much simpler. When you plug it in, the Backup application

immediately appears onscreen. Depending on how much stuff you have on your Visor, a backup can take anywhere from one to five minutes. Restorations are faster still.

Our one complaint is that the module provides all-or-nothing functionality. You can't back up specific programs or files, and restorations overwrite the entire device with the data on the module. Even so, the Backup Module is a must-have Visor accessory. —Rick Broida



## News

### Local Boy Makes Good

Proctor & Gamble Canada has selected Cutting Edge Software's Quicksheet and SmartDoc as its enterprise software package for use with the division's Palm devices.

### Another OmniSky Forum

Looking for another place to discuss the OmniSky Minstrel V with other users? Reader Charlie Kunz tells us there's a lively forum on eGroups.com ([www.egroups.com/groups/omnisky](http://www.egroups.com/groups/omnisky)). And you know what? He's right!

### New Models on Feb. 20?

We may be just three weeks away from two new models from Palm Computing. Sources say the Palm IIIc, with 8MB of RAM and a color screen, will sell for \$449, while the Palm IIIx (an 8MB version of the Palm IIIx) will sell for \$249. Both are rumored to hit store shelves on Feb. 20—but that's a Sunday, so don't believe everything you hear. Watch Tap Weekly for full reports on all new Palm OS devices.

## New Software

### BeamWare 1.2

This intriguing alternative to BeamBox lets you beam any app or database to another Palm user, even if he/she doesn't have BeamWare installed. Also includes a database-search function. Hiroyuki Okamoto, <http://members.tripod.com/~hokamoto>

### PregTrak 1.0

Pregnancy wheels? How old-fashioned. PregTrak calculates due dates, tracks up to 30 patients, and even supports leap years. StacWorks, [www.bigfoot.com/~wcarlson](http://www.bigfoot.com/~wcarlson)

### Tom Sawyer

You only read the Cliff's Notes? Shame on you. Now you can enjoy Mark Twain's classic, newly converted to Doc format, on your Palm. Here's hoping Huckleberry Finn is soon to follow. Bjorn Keizers, [www.palmgear.com](http://www.palmgear.com)